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FOUR SQUARE WORLD

ADVANCE



Arrest of church youths triggers
Spiritual explosion!—see page 8

It is God's will that churches grow. It is every Christian's responsibility to see that they do. Jesus made very clear His will concerning the Church when He spoke to His disciples saying, "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19-20 NASB). We are hearing much about Church Growth today. It is a refreshing sound! Church leaders are speaking seriously of the possibility of discipling whole nations. Bold plans are being made to reach every ethnic group with the Gospel in this generation.

Responsible church leaders are demonstrating this concern in a number of ways. First, they are asking the right questions. They want to know what God intends to do and what His methods are in accomplishing His will. Secondly, they are taking a serious look at the facts about their church's growth. Often, the facts are not encouraging, but it is necessary to know what the facts are before an intelligent attempt can be made to solve the problems of non-growth or stagnation. In-depth research and study of how and where the Gospel seed is sown becomes a very important matter to those who want to reap a great harvest. Non-productive methods are laid aside for ways which God can honor and which bear much fruit. Thirdly, they are seeking to become the kind of people through whom God can accomplish His purpose and intent.

Church Growth leaders recognize four types of growth taking place in a healthy, growing congrega-

tion. These are referred to as: *Nurture* or spiritual growth. This happens as a result of faithful teaching and preaching of the Word, causing men and women to grow, in grace and knowledge, into full maturity in the Lord Jesus Christ. Secondly, *expansion* growth. The function is both spontaneous and planned evangelism. Bearing faithful witness to individuals and groups in the surrounding community is an activity which takes place beyond the four walls of the church. Thirdly, *extension* growth, which is simply a well-directed strategy of evangelism, reaching new communities by planting new churches. Birthing new churches must not be thought of as an unplanned by-product of a good Christian life. The fourth type of growth is *bridging* growth, which is a cross-culture ministry reaching over and beyond linguistic or cultural boundaries, resulting in the planting of new churches among people and lands which are foreign to us. This is called Missions.

Western church growth patterns in recent years show that we have been strong in nurture and bridging growth, but rather weak in expansion and extension growth. Today, all across North America, great church growth is taking place. Many new churches are being born. Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). There will be no excuse for those who say, "We toiled all night, and caught nothing" (Luke 5:5, *Amplified*). 4

Dr. Donald McGregor



The Decatur, Ill. Foursquare Church honored **Dr. Sylvia Erickson** on July 4 for serving 35 years as pastor of the Decatur Church. General Supervisor, **M. E. Nicholls**, was present to speak for the occasion.

All **District Supervisors** enjoyed a time of spiritual refreshing, June 11-13, at Camp Maranatha, Nebraska preceding the Foursquare Youth Leadership Congress.

Dr. M. E. Nicholls will be present for the dedication of the new facility of the **St. Louis, Mo. Foursquare Church** on July 18.

The **Los Serranos, Ca. Foursquare Church** recently held a Note Burning Service. This special event also served as a Day of Homecoming in the church.

The **LIFE Bible College Chorale** will be traveling on a 5-week tour, covering 10,000 miles across the United States, singing and ministering in churches. The Chorale recently ministered at the Foursquare Youth Leadership Congress. Faculty members, Revs. Chuck Shoemaker and Steve Cauble are accompanying the Chorale. Students, Tom Hassle and Steve Vagasy will be traveling to churches and camps in the interest of the Bible College.

During the final weeks at **Mount Vernon Bible College**, College for a Day was held. The **Singers of Praise** musical group presented the sacred musical, "If My People..." The **Lamb** singing group also ministered. A **Walk-a-Thon** for the disaster in Guatemala was also held.

The Foursquare Churches of **Dayton, Tenn. and Concord, N. C. (First Church)** have recently broken all previous records in Sunday School attendance.

The **American Bible Society** reports that the Bible, or portions of it, were published for the first time in 29 additional languages last year. This makes a total of 1,577.

This copy of **ADVANCE** is the combined summer issue. Your next copy will not arrive until September.

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

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INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY

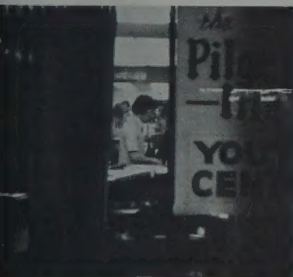
COMMUNITY CONCERN: CHURCH:

Traveler's Resting Place

"They were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

These words, used to describe Believers of both Old and New Testaments (Heb. 11:13, 1 Pet. 2:11) are what motivated the youth of the Lynwood, Ca. Trinity Foursquare Church to name their youth and counseling center, the Pilgrim Inn.

Located on one of the main boulevards in their town and across the street from a popular hamburger drive-in, the Pilgrim Inn had its beginning almost two years ago. A former office building, the attractive facilities and decor make for a lovely center with panelled walls and wall-to-wall carpeting. The young people raised the down payment for purchase of the building and make the monthly payments. The 90' x 25' center consists of two counseling rooms, a large room for Bible studies and another large room for recreational activities. The walls are lined with bookshelves providing excellent Christian books for the young people to check out.



The ministry of the Pilgrim Inn is twofold: First, it serves to provide an in-reach Bible study each week with about 50 to 75 young people attending; second, it serves as a counseling center to youth with personal problems, and those who are first time offenders of the law. The latter are directed to the counseling center by local authorities.

Minister of Youth, Bill Burnett, Jr., reports that this outreach ministry has resulted in many young people—and their families—finding Christ as their personal Savior, with several young men now attending LIFE Bible College.

Farewell Day to Pastors

Climaxing 29 years of pastoral ministry in the Arlington, Ca. Foursquare Church, Dr. and Mrs. Barney Northcote were honored by a "Farewell Day" designated on a Sunday in the Arlington Church. Those paying tribute to these ministers were: Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, Dr. N. M. Van Cleave, Dr. Howard P. Courtney, Dr. Harold Jefferies and Dr. Leland Edwards. The city Mayor and a Council member also paid tribute.

During Dr. and Mrs. Northcote's ministry, the Arlington Church became one of the strongest churches in the Foursquare Organization. The church facilities are among the finest which includes a beautiful sanctuary seating almost 900.

Rev. Loren Callan has assumed the pastorate of the Arlington Foursquare Church.

Gold Star Missions Awards Received

Twenty-five adults of the First Foursquare Church of San Jose, Ca. received awards for faithful missionary giving. This group includes adults who have been giving in the Gold Star Program since its inception over 30 years ago. This plan is utilized as a church-wide missions giving program.

Growing Pains Result in Enlarged Facilities



Above (left to right): Pastor Harold Hawkins of Redondo Beach, Ca. Foursquare Church shown with city's Police Chief, Frank Meehan, Mayor William F. Czulezer and So. Calif. District Supervisor, Dr. Paul E. Jones at recent dedication service of newly remodeled church sanctuary.

YOUTH:

Presidential Award Received

Todd Brafford, son of Rev. and Mrs. William Brafford, Jr. received the Presidential Award for Physical Fitness in 1975. A ninth grader, Todd excels in football, basketball, track and baseball.



First Place in Oratorical Contest

"The Promise of the Future" was the winning speech given by Bob Dunbar, Rock Falls, Ill. Foursquare Church youth, in the 9th annual Dixon Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. Bob's speech concluded with a plea to America to return to God. He will compete with winners from other towns for the right to enter statewide competition.



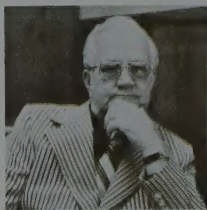
Youth "On the Farm"

The young people of the Ashland, Ohio Foursquare Church were challenged last year to conduct the church's Kid's Crusade. Ranging from 12 to 17 years in age, the youth met for a planning session and the following program activities resulted: Theme, "On the Farm"; "Gospel barn" backdrop constructed; "Beaky" making nightly appearances in the "hayloft"; Bible stories told with puppets and slides through the "barn door"; and "Farmer John" appearing each night.

The Crusade was a success with children accepting Christ as Savior and the youth, themselves, growing spiritually in the Lord. The teenagers are anticipating this summer's Crusade.

PEOPLE: *The following interview of Odell Nettleship, member of the Decatur, Illinois, Foursquare Church was conducted by Dr. Harold Helms, Associate Minister.*

Alcoholic Odell Nettleship hasn't had a drink in 21 years, since Jesus delivered him through the redemptive power of forgiveness.



An alcoholic drinks because he cannot forgive either himself, or others, for some real or imagined wrong.

Dr. Helms: Del, I am acquainted with your testimony of conversion from alcoholism. How does a person become an alcoholic?

Del: To put it simply, an alcoholic is someone who just cannot, because of some physical, mental or emotional problem, handle alcohol. There are millions of such people. Most of them are not honest with themselves about their problem. I know I wasn't for a long time. In the beginning I found that after drinking I could talk more easily to people, around whom I felt inferior. I felt relaxed, released by drinking. At first, "feeling high" was great. When I first started drinking I only drank on weekends. Then, every night. My nerves became so edgy that I had to start the day off with alcohol.

Dr. Helms: How did this affect your wife and family, Del?

Del: Well, I was working for an auto supply house, and my wife, Jackie, was also working, so we were getting by financially. I was quite a party goer. Both of us drank. In 1938 I started drinking. By 1943 I was on my way to alcoholism and by 1945 was a compulsory drinker. At first there was some pleasure in drinking, but from 1945 - 1954, I don't remember *ever* enjoying a drink. I had to drink to maintain some degree of normalcy. Everywhere I went a bottle went with me. I was bound! Everything I had was gone. My family suffered from lack of support. At all times my children were needy. We were on welfare on occasion. Gradually, I had lost all pride, and self-respect, going long periods without bathing, not caring if I had clean clothes. In spite of all this, Jackie never stopped loving and caring for me. I would shake so bad when I tried to sleep, that I would beg Jackie to hold me to help stop the shaking. This shaking was like having a hard chill. And she was so strong with the children. Although I abused her in many ways, I'm glad that I never struck her. Even though I was an alcoholic she taught the children to keep loving me. One of the awful curses of my drinking is that I have no memories of them when they were babies.

Dr. Helms: And you had no job at all?

Del: Oh, yes, I worked many jobs, but lost them all from drinking. These jobs included four factories, three laundries, several office jobs, some farm jobs, construction jobs and

bartending. This caused us to move many times. We even lived in a one bedroom apartment (Jackie carrying water upstairs from a city well), but lost this place because I did not pay the rent which was only \$10.00 a month.

Dr. Helms: Do you feel that any of your problems could be traced back to your childhood?

Del: Well, I don't want to blame my parents for my problems, but I do see something that may have aggravated this situation. You see, I was born a cripple. My left foot was turned backwards when I was born. My parents went to great expense to have it fixed and that's why I am not clubfooted today. But, because I was handicapped, I received special treatment. Everyone in the family "babied" me. When I got out on my own, I discovered that the real world didn't "baby" me, consequently, I became a fighter. My folks did take me to church but it was a cold, formal church with little or no spiritual ministry—at least for me. There was a strange situation in our early homelife. Dad served beer to the family and made home brew, but he spent a lot of money getting me out of trouble that my drinking had caused. He did stop making home brew when he found that my older brother was stealing and drinking it!

Dr. Helms: Do you hold any resentment toward your parents?

Del: No! My Mother, I remember, helped me in spite of my lying, cheating and stealing. Once she repaid one of my employers from whom I had stolen money. He cancelled part of the debt.

Dr. Helms: What about the effects of your drinking?

Del: I actually got to the place where I had to drink a pint every morning before I could go to work (when I had a job). It's not pleasant to



Christians are naive about alcoholics. You can pray for them and feed them, but giving them money is buying them drinks.

After drinking for 18 years, when I quit, I suffered the D.T.'s—hallucinations of snakes and other horrible sights.



talk about it, but this is what I did. Every morning I had to vomit before I drank. If this did not happen naturally, I forced it on. Otherwise, my drink would not stay down. My mind was affected. After reading a newspaper I couldn't remember anything I had read. My self-confidence was completely gone. My nerves were shot! I was a wino. You see, wine hits the blood stream and quiets the nerves more quickly. Beer no longer helped me and whiskey was too harsh.

Dr. Helms: Did you ever try Alcoholics Anonymous?

Del: Yes, I did. I believe AA is a God-given, Bible-based program. For me it became a "stepping stone" to Christ and the Church. I don't believe that most churches can relate to alcoholics. AA actually babysat me. For about three years my friend, Bill Ficker, took me to the AA meetings. It was good to go even though, for a while, all I did was listen. I couldn't at that time, reason or understand clearly.

Dr. Helms: What part did the Church have in your deliverance?

Del: I couldn't get over the fact that the people at the Decatur Foursquare Church accepted me even while I was still drinking. The late Dr. Kenneth Erickson, then pastor, would talk to me and I was amazed that he cared when it seemed that everyone else had forsaken me. You see, this was at a time when even the bars in town would not let me in. Dr. and Mrs. Erickson and my wife prayed for me. Ruth Borders, one of our neighbors, was used to lead us to the Lord. Jackie was saved three years before I was. Thank God for Christian friends! Normally, people will never forgive a drunkard no matter how long you've been sober.

Dr. Helms: Does a person know when he's delivered?

Del: Well, I know the Lord delivered me. I can truthfully say that I have not craved alcohol since the Lord freed me. The Church prayed. My wife prayed. And when I came out of the hospital in 1954 things were different. Men from AA had stayed with me around the clock while I was in the hospital. This was the only way the hospital would keep me. I had to be watched continuously.

Dr. Helms: Did you have DT's?

Del: Yes, and DT's are a complete loss of mind. I saw snakes crawling out of the ceiling and

other sights which were horrifying. I broke out of bed and ran into the halls. Internes strapped me into the bed. I was allowed 72 hours before being transferred to a mental hospital. When I regained my mind, God had done His work. Jackie was sitting by my bed with her Bible. She had been praying for me. I was now down to 120 pounds. Thank God, not only for His delivering power, but also for His *keeping* power. I know that even now without His help I could never be where I am. If I ever stopped trusting Him and went back to drink, I know that in just a few days I would be right back where I was.

Dr. Helms: Do you have any fear of going back?

Del: No. His help is always available.

Dr. Helms: It is a miracle, then, that you are still alive.

Del: Amen! Very few people ever go through what I've gone through and still live to tell about it. I remember living six weeks on milk alone. My doctor called me a "miracle man". My liver, which the doctor said had stretched across my stomach, came back to its original place and shape.

Dr. Helms: How can we help an alcoholic?

Del: Pray for him. Feed him if he's hungry, but don't give him money! I used to get welfare money and buy booze with it. The government is doing a lot for alcoholics today with hospitalization, half-way houses, etc. Many of these programs do not, in my opinion, really help. Sometimes they increase his dependency. The alcoholic doesn't need government programs like he needs God! Back when I was drinking, an alcoholic had a hard time being admitted to a hospital. An alcoholic must be handled firmly. Christians sometimes are too naive and sentimental in their dealings with alcoholics.

Dr. Helms: What business are you in now, Del?

Del: I have an auto parts business. When I was in the hospital in 1961 with a heart attack, I formulated plans for my own business and asked God right then, at the start, to become my partner. At that time I had nothing but past due bills (no capital or collateral), but a Jewish friend financed me. I believe that God used this wonderful friend to get me started in business.

Dr. Helms: What about the future?

Del: Well, I like to travel. Jackie and I have visited 23 foreign countries and 49 of the 50 states. My future belongs to God. And I would also like to spend it pleasing my wife. She went through so much for me. She had no car and had to walk from 1942 to 1954. That's one reason I bought her a Cadillac! I wanted nice things for her! I could never repay her for all she did for me. She helped me because she loved me, and she forgave me...and that's something few people are ever able to do—forgive an alcoholic. [4]

I learned to accept the forgiveness of Jesus, because my wife and other Christians accepted me.

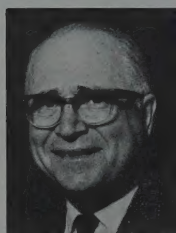


3 Foursquare ministers serve on Pentecostal World Conference Advisory Council; others to lead European Fall tour.

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The 23-member Advisory Council of the Pentecostal World Conference includes three ministers of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

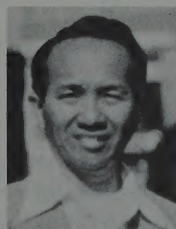
Vice President, Howard P. Courtney, is one of four ministers representing the United States. Dr. Courtney has been a member of this Council since 1958 and served as its chairman in 1961. Other Foursquare ministers serving on this Advisory Council include: Rev. Samuel Odunaiké, General Supervisor of Foursquare Gospel Churches in Nigeria; and Rev. Verónico T. Suan, District Supervisor of the Foursquare Churches in Mindanao, Philippines and Vice President of the Foursquare Gospel Church in the Philippines.



Dr. Howard P. Courtney



Rev. Samuel Odunaiké



Rev. Verónico T. Suan

Speakers from all over the world will center on the theme of the Conference, "The Spirit of Truth" as they minister each morning at the Central Hall, Westminster and nightly at the Royal Albert Hall. Speakers will include: Rev. Yonggi Cho (Korea); Rev. P. List (Rhodesia); Rev. D. White (Trinidad); Rev. R. Ulonska (Germany); Rev. K. E. Heinerborg (Sweden); Rev. B. Johnson (Brazil); Revs. T. W. Walker, P. S. Brewster, A. Webb (Great Britain); Rev. G. Smith (Canada); and Revs. T. F. Zimmerman, R. Hughes (USA).

Pentecostal believers from many areas of the world will converge upon London, England for this special Conference. They will bring with them an expectancy of a move of the Holy Spirit which a large number, who will be attending the Conference, have freshly realized in their respective historic churches. This conclave could well serve as an important event in the current move of God across the world.

Foursquare Tour

A 23-day Foursquare tour will be held in connection with the conference and will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Nicholls and escorted by Dr. and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance. Countries to be visited will include Scotland, England, France and Spain. It is not too late to be a part of this Foursquare tour. Write: Dr. M. E. Nicholls, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca. 90026.

The Foursquare Gospel Church is one of many Pentecostal Churches and Organizations that unites in effort and spirit to bring about the World Pentecostal Conference once every three years. [4]

Vice President Courtney named to plan national interdenominational Charismatic Renewal Conference

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Vice President, Howard P. Courtney, accepted the recent invitation to serve on the Planning Committee for the 1977 Conference on Charismatic Renewal in the Christian Churches.

This Conference, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, July 20 - 24, 1977, will bring together about 60,000 Christians from many denominations.

The charismatic renewal is a movement of spiritual awakening and power occurring today in all Christian denominations and groups. It focuses on the reality of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within the Christian people.

It is believed that this gathering will have a great impact on the cause of Christian unity and on the evangelization of contemporary American society. [4]

81 LIFE Bible College graduates licensed for ministry in May

Eighty-one graduates of the 1976 Class of LIFE Bible College were licensed for ministry by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel on Sunday, May 23 in Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, California.

President, Rolf K. McPherson, introduced the group of candidates for licensing to the congregation present. General Supervisor, M. E. Nicholls, addressed the candidates and presented them to the Ordination Board for licensing.

"Men of Faith and Vision" was the theme of Dr. Nicholls' message to the candidates. Dr. Nicholls challenged each one to be men and women of faith who perform the work of God. He reminded them that God will not see the license in their hands, nor is He interested in who they are or where they have been, but, He is mindful and will honor their faith. He further challenged them with the truth that they had been chosen by God, not for an ordinary work to be done by ordinary means, but for a chosen task to be accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The entire audience joined the Ordination Board in prayer for these newly licensed ministers God was sending into His "harvest field".

FIELD REPORT: Spain

Government censorship restricts proclaiming the Gospel, but God's word shows itself triumphant over all obstacles.

God is abundantly blessing the work in Spain. It was just a little less than two years ago that Reverend and Mrs. Robert Aguirre were sent as Foursquare missionaries to Spain, which was one of the leading nations centuries ago in discovering and "opening up" the new world, America. Now, in turn, Spain is being "rediscovered" by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

After laying the necessary groundwork and residing in Spain the required amount of time to officially carry out church ministries and endeavors, Reverend and Mrs. Aguirre opened the first Foursquare Gospel Church last October. It was a very small beginning in just a small rented hall in Villaverde, Madrid. People began to come and receive Christ, and doors opened into homes with entire families converted. Because of the growth, it has become necessary to take a real step of faith.

Your Foreign Missions Department has remitted to Spain a large sum of money for the down payment on property and a building that will have an auditorium seating 400, Sunday School and Bible College classrooms and office space for the work in Spain. It is extremely difficult to find any place at all, even to rent, in the city of Madrid. This large metropolis of over three and a half million people is a booming, congested and growing city. We had prayed for a place close to the exit and entrance to the subway. God has provided such a place. Now, we are asking you to pray that God will reach a greater number of people in Spain through the believers there and provide the finances to pay for this new property. The new members and believers in Spain are going to help, too.

Just recently, a very wonderful three-night campaign took place in Madrid. The following account was received from Missionaries Robert and Alva Aguirre:

"We have just finished a three-day campaign here in the city of Madrid with Evangelist Eugene Jimenez. It has left our hearts filled with praise to our wonderful Savior. Many lives will never be the same as a result of this campaign.

"But, it almost didn't take place. There were too many obstacles to overcome. The greatest being unbelief. First, people said that evangelistic campaigns didn't bear fruit here in Spain;

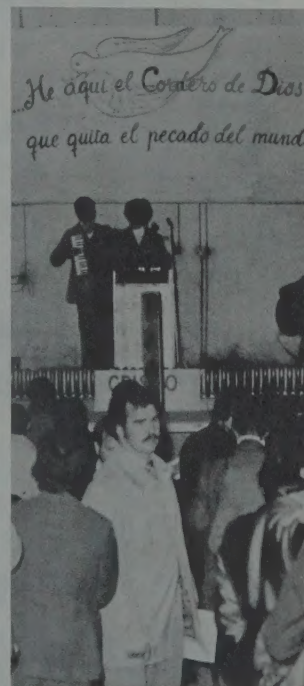


'The Spanish people are different'. Then we were told that we would never find an auditorium at a reasonable price. And it sure looked that way, until God provided a theatre that was closed. Others said it was too far from the center of town and too far away from any subway stop or bus line. We were also told that we would never get the permit from the government because our small congregation didn't justify the use of a theatre seating 1,500. But, we got the permit without any problems! Then they said the handbills wouldn't pass government censorship if we mentioned Divine healing or miracles. We printed 25,000 handbills! Our Foursquare young people, alone, passed out some 15,000.

"Then came the first night and our hearts burst forth in praise when we saw around 1,000 present in the service. And what a thrill to see approximately 100 respond to the altar call. The police came to see what it was all about and they left praising God! The janitor said, 'I knew it was going to be something good when I heard you talking during the preparations, but I wasn't expecting anything so glorious!' Manolo, a young clerk in one of the large department stores, who had been invited by one of our young men, said, 'I have found Christ at last. This is the happiest day of my life!'

"The second night was a repeat performance. On the third night, the husband of one of our ladies, who had been attending church for over four years and had never given his heart to Christ, couldn't wait until the end of the service to accept Christ. Before the service began, he knelt in the center aisle and received salvation. People wept for joy as they saw two crippled boys, healed by the power of God, running on the platform. Another man who had been brought from the hospital, paralyzed as a result of a stroke, walked out on his own two feet! Again, it has been proven that people the world over respond in the same way to the Gospel preached 'with signs following' [4]

Top: Portion of 1,000 who gathered for three-day campaign in Spain; Below: Missionary Mrs. Robert Aguirre leads in song service (See story on this page).



COVER STORY: Arrest of 4 church youth generated newspaper and triggered

Top: Prescott youth in worship; Below: Pastor Mitchell reasoning with "opposition" at Plaza street meeting.



it all began in January of 1970 when Reverend and Mrs. Wayman Mitchell were led back to Reverend Mitchell's hometown of Prescott, Arizona to assume the pastorate of the Foursquare Gospel Church there. A conservative, retirement town of 18,000, the Foursquare Gospel Church in Prescott was experiencing a time of real testing with the congregation made up of about 35 people. But, from the very onset, Reverend Mitchell reports that God began to bless and souls were saved.

A vital breakthrough came when Youth Evangelist, Larry Reed, conducted revival services in the Prescott Church. At this time, four of the church youth were arrested at the local fair for preaching the Gospel. Their arrests made headlines in the local newspaper and approximately 85 young people were saved in the next four days, but the charges were later dropped. This incident created tremendous excitement in the town and the spiritual explosion took place. Young people poured into the church and were saved by the masses.

Among the converts was a young couple who had been on drugs. They represented the typical hippie scene of the late sixties and early seventies. Immediately, this couple began inviting their friends, who were into drugs, to the services. An influx of youth began attending the church and this stream continued throughout the summer months. These young people were in a state of disarray which was especially evident in their dress. They not only needed salvation, but they needed those who would patiently counsel with them, instruct them in God's Word and guide them into a life of wholesome Christian living.

Pastors and adults reacted maturely; they sought the truth of the matter.

How did the adults of the church react to the great influx of youth into the church? To this question Reverend Mitchell replies: "Although the adults did not understand their dress and culture, when they saw the tremendous conversion experiences that took place in the lives of the youth and the great changes that followed, they were open and receptive to what God was doing. Today the adults are a vital part of the youth outreach teams and play an important role in the counseling ministry of the church."

Seeing the miraculous changes in their children, parents began to attend the church to investigate. As a result, they, too, accepted Jesus as their Savior and whole families began to attend. Today, the Prescott Church is a family

church with all ages represented.

In Reverend and Mrs. Mitchell's ten years of ministry, they had never specialized in youth work, nor been exposed to this culture. They had not personally seen youth ministry, but they realized the unique door which had opened was a door of God, not one of their doing. At this time Prescott was flowing with drugs. Fifty young people could be found in the town anytime smoking "pot". And drugs were accessible.

Hearing about the Jesus Movement in California, Reverend Mitchell and two young converts visited coffee houses, Gospels, Rock Concerts and beach parties in California. As they investigated the Holy Spirit quickened to them the assignment of these ministries which they were to add and innovate in Prescott to reach the youth area for Christ.

Youth ministry uses rock music for evangelism.

When this spiritual explosion took place, Prescott Church immediately began outreach ministries. Their first thrust was Gospel Rock Concerts. A rock music group was saved and became a part of the local Church. In November of 1970 a Coffee House was started in a storefront building in downtown Prescott. Several nights a week Gospel Rock Concerts were conducted with testimonies of youth shared, followed by an evangelistic message. Scores of young people were saved and delivered from bondages of sin. The Coffee House also became the center for rap sessions on the Bible.

During the summer months, Gospel Rock Concerts are held in the central square in Prescott. Attendance runs from 1,000 people, the majority unbelievers.

From this base of ministry, the Gospel Rock Groups began conducting Gospel Concerts in gymnasiums and halls around town. So many groups began to receive invitations to perform in other areas. However, Reverend Mitchell states that it was the policy of the church to keep the youth ministry solely to supply "church enrichment". In order to participate, the groups had to engage in some type of outreach ministry.

Born in the heart of Pastor Mitchell, the church takes "Guerrilla Teams" to a new city for a two-day outreach over a weekend. Arriving in the church bus and several vol-

or preaching at fairgrounds dlines in Prescott, Arizona, piritual explosion.

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ssing on the streets, passing out tracts and
rtising the concert or church service which
ake place that night. In the evening, the
is present in the concert to provide the
ic, testify, preach or assist when the altar
s given. Early the next morning they will
for Prescott, arriving in the afternoon,
will share the results of the outreach with
ongregation in the Sunday Evening Ser-
At times, 50 to 65 have responded to the
calls given at these evangelistic thrusts.

hen God began to send large numbers of
g people into the church, Pastor Mitchell
impressed with the young men, with
ual potential, among this group. He felt
they were not to embrace them as trophies
e church, but were to train them and send
out as workers to plant churches in other
s and cities. It was this vision that brought
t this church's unique and fruitful dis-
g ministry.

us, Pastor Mitchell began to work with
young men, one at a time for a period of
ne months. A requisite is that he must
ved at least three years. These men are en-
d in the local church ministry, the various
ach ministries and preaching and teach-
Often they accompany Reverend Mitchell
rips out of town observing the ministry in
any aspects. Pastor Mitchell rehearses con-
s and principles of the ministry as they
el. He also shares with them, on a heart-to-
level, the vision of the ministry.

**Pastor Wayman Mitchell educates young
en for discipleship as "Timothies."**

o complement this program, Reverend
hell now meets with a group of 12 to 15
g men for a two-hour session once a
th. Pastor Mitchell's belief is that the secret
discipleship is experience. Thus, he exposes
"core group" to every aspect of the minis-

o reinforce this discipling ministry, Pastor
hell conducts five-day Bible Conferences
e a year which are attended by ministers of
area. The Prescott Church underwrites the
nses of these special workers to attend the
erence as well as four young men, or
les, from each church who represent po-
al for the planting of churches. The local
regation is invited to attend. Two hundred
present in the morning seminars with over
present for the evening services. The pur-
of these conferences is to provide instruc-

tion in the Word, training in ministry, en-
couragement and fellowship.

The "Underground Church" is another out-
reach ministry of the Prescott Church. This is a
Home Bible Study ministry, conducted in
various neighborhoods during the winter
months, which includes two aspects: (1) Bible
study and; (2) Evangelism. Those attending the
Bible Studies are responsible to devise ways to
reach their respective communities for Christ.
At the present time, eight Bible Studies are
functioning. Evangelistic thrusts have taken
these groups to nearby forest service camps,
campgrounds, golf course clubhouses and
neighborhood centers and halls.

**Young evangelists planted over a dozen
new churches for their convert flocks.**

Although the average attendance of this
church is 430, it employs only one other paid
staff member besides the Pastors. This staff
member is a young man who Reverend
Mitchell personally, trains for leadership in
church planting.

A total of 13 churches have been planted in
Arizona as a result of this discipling ministry.
Plans are in the making to establish four more.
Three churches have been started in Mexico, as
well. For the first year, the Prescott Church
contributes to some of the financial support of
the workers sent to these churches. The Second
Foursquare Church of Tuscon, Arizona is pres-
ently experiencing a spirit of revival with an
average attendance of 150 at each service.

What is responsible for the outstanding
growth realized by the Prescott Foursquare
Church? Pastor Mitchell quickly responds that
it has been a work of the Holy Spirit drawing
people to the Lord Jesus Christ. At no time did
Reverend and Mrs. Mitchell go the "hip" route
or endeavor to identify with the youth in ap-
pearance. "It was simply the Holy Spirit touch-
ing their lives" he states. "And the youth had no
trouble fitting into the regular church pattern,
singing the old hymns of the church and taking
part in a Pentecostal service" he further
comments.

As to future plans, Reverend Mitchell states
that he firmly believes the plan of discipleship
utilized in the Prescott Church is the New Test-
ament principle for growth, and it is their bur-
den to continue in this plan of producing
workers who will transplant themselves in
other communities and plant churches. To this
vision the Prescott congregation is totally com-
mitted!

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Top: Prescott, Az. Foursquare Church has
needed to enlarge new sanctuary on two
occasions; Prescott citizen engrossed in tract
received at street meeting; Musician ministers
at Coffee House.



Today's United Foursquare Women can learn more about ministry from yesterday's "Patriots in Petticoats"—and so can men!



Patriots in Petticoats is excerpted from a speech given by Rev. Vivian B. Twyford at the 1975 Southwest District United Foursquare Women's Fall Luncheon.

Women have always been a "treasure in earthen vessels." We look into the Bible and find recorded the acts and deeds of great women. Fifty are named who exercised roles of leadership and ministered unto the Lord. There are 150 women recorded who served in the background. Over one hundred nameless women, like the daughters, wives and widows, are mentioned. Today these women are all "shining stars" in the galaxies of Heaven because the Bible says, "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30), "and they that be wise shall shine... and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

Women have also played a great part in world affairs! This is a thrilling year because it's our Bicentennial when we are celebrating 200 years of American independence. It's true and right that we honor the men who fought, sacrificed and died that we might have our American independence. But, today, I want to tell you that women were a "treasure in earthen vessels" 200 years ago.

In 1775 these women were called "*Patriots in Petticoats*" and they rendered a real ministry in helping to win our Country's independence. First of all, they "shone as stars" in the home. When the enemy encroached upon their homes, like the Indians or the British soldiers, these women were capable of defending their families. It is born in us to protect our own.

They even became soldiers 200 years ago and were there to help in the cause of our Country. They went to the battlefield with food for the Continental Army. Many left their homes to follow the Army. One, "*Molly Pitcher*", whose husband was a gunman, received her name "*Pitcher*" because she filled her pail with water and cooled the lips of the dying and the parched throats of the wounded men in the Continental Army.

 A woman fought in America's Revolution. 



These women served as cooks, washerwomen and nurses. And they had time to mend the uniforms of the fighting men as well. Oh,

the ministry of these "*Patriots in Petticoats*" 200 years ago!

Some folk think that the first WACS appeared in World War II. As an organized army this is correct. However, a woman enlisted in the Continental Army in 1776. *Deborah Sampson* was so anxious to serve her country that she disguised herself as a man. On one occasion when she was wounded, she cared for herself to avoid detection. Finally, she became ill with a fever and was hospitalized. As a result she received an Honorable Discharge.

The influence of these women was felt in the government as well. In 1774 fifty-one ladies from North Carolina who called themselves "*The Daughters of Liberty*", sent a signed resolution to London renouncing all taxed tea. Today, we have the opportunity to sign many petitions to get the Bible and prayer back into our public schools and to support our astronauts who read the Bible in space and on the moon. Atheistic groups are busy fighting against any Godly influence in our society. Ladies, we need to sign these petitions! Our influence can still be felt at great levels.

In one of the colonial villages a sign could be found which read: HANDY BETTY, THE BLACKSMITH. Her husband had been called into the Army so she ran the Blacksmith Shop. She repaired muskets and other weapons and even repaired a captured British cannon!

 The freedom of women preserves liberty for all. 

It thrilled me when I discovered that the daughter of Benjamin Franklin raised enough money to make 2,500 shirts for the men in the Continental Army. Hallelujah! We UFW women in 1976 are marching in step with those of 1776. We are sending 1,000 shirts to the prisoners in the Bilibid, Philippine Prison. How thrilling to know we are still moving forward. One day Jesus will say, "I was... naked and ye clothed me... I was in prison, and ye came unto me" (Matt. 25:35,36).

Throughout all the colonies, women replaced their soldier husbands in "field and shop." They even became spies. A little Quaker housewife who had her ear to the keyhole learned of a coming attack on Washington. She walked miles to give the warning, and the cause was saved.

“Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.” —Prov. 31:25



Rev. Vivian B. Twyford

Martha Washington was an attractive, little woman with her lovely white hair and beautiful colonial dress. I used to think she looked that way all the time. But, I learned that although she was a homebody by disposition, she abandoned the comforts and the safety of Mount Vernon and established a little “Coach of Cheer”. She jolted over rough roads for days to reach the Commander and his troops taking them homemade foods, jams and jellies. She organized the camp and enlisted neighborhood wives to roll bandages, knit socks and mend shirts. They were busy from morning until evening. She was present—in the background—at Valley Forge helping her husband, George Washington, and his men. She stood by her husband (as every good United Foursquare Woman does) through two mutinies because the armies were in starvation. She encouraged him with these words, “George, don’t give up, God is with us.”

In the eight long years of the Revolutionary War (I used to think the war was for a brief period) George and Martha Washington were together in their Mount Vernon home on only one occasion. Oh, the sacrifices that have been made that we, today, might enjoy liberty to serve God according to the dictates of our consciences.

Her love for justice and freedom gave *Abigail Adams* front rank among the historic women of her day. She helped in this battle for independence with letters from home, the most potent weapon that she could yield. She kept her husband, John Quincy Adams, abreast of the news around Boston as he served the Continental Congress.

Mary Katherine Goddard served as a postmistress after her husband went into the Army. She also had to run the print shop. Thus, it was a woman that turned out the first copy of the Declaration of Independence. She also printed news coverage of the war with a patriotic fervor that helped win many battles.

★ A freed slave used
her freedom to preach ★

And the fight for Civil Rights that we hear so much about today didn’t begin in our generation. Two hundred years ago a little girl was snatched from Africa and sold as a slave to a Boston Quaker family. Named *Phyllis Wheatly*, this family taught her to read and write and

schooled her in the classics. Later she was given freedom. *Phyllis* was a wonderful Christian. She was inspired by the Bible and was conscious of the evils of slavery. She found a place among the intellectual circles of her day and wrote patriotic poems to serve the needs of the time. *Phyllis Wheatly* became the first black person to have a book of poems published. George and Martha Washington honored her in our wonderful Capital. She also made a trip to England to be honored by the King and Queen.

Today we have many UFW Girl’s Auxiliaries (Cameo Girls) present. There was a work for the Cameo Girls 200 years ago! History records *Betty Zane* running for her life in West Virginia to a fort with a bundle of gunpowder for the garrison. She even braved enemy fire, but she saved the fort from the British army. *Betty* was a teenager.

There was also a girl, only sixteen years old, who was known as a “girl Paul Revere”. *Sybil Ludington* raced forty miles over rain-drenched roads to alert the men in her father’s command that the enemy was going to destroy the supplies at Danbury, Connecticut. She also saved the day by her bravery.



Christian women
represent freedom



The acts and deeds of these women are recorded on the pages of history. This is what God has called women to do, not only 200 years ago, but today. “*Patriots in Petticoats*” represented various ages and classes. Some were the work-worn frontier girls and women, while others were the Madames of great plantations. Also, included were the wives of government leaders. They all joined together and flung themselves into the cause to bring us our independence. And today, 200 years later, every woman has a ministry unto the Lord. As we band together as unto Him, we, too, can see great things accomplished.

Today, let us dedicate ourselves to the ministry of the Lord. The Chapter Presidents need our help. Each one needs to be in this great battle for the Lord. And souls are what it is all about. Ours is a spiritual ministry. We want every UFW woman to be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit as they work for the Lord winning souls at home and abroad. This is a soul-winning pact. As we win souls we shall surely “shine... as the stars for ever and ever.”

FOUR SQUARE MISSIONARIES TO INDONESIA!

Indonesia is located in the fabled East Indies and consists of over 13,000 islands. It forms a boundary between the Indian and Pacific Oceans just below Southeast Asia and the Republic of the Philippines. The island of Java on which is located the capital city of Djakarta, is one of the most densely populated areas per-square mile in the world. Java has a population of 85 million people. The entire nation has over 125 million people.

Reverend and Mrs. Ted Sambire, who have served so faithfully for several years as Foursquare ministers in the Southern Philippines (pioneer workers, pastors, Bible College instructors, administrators and district secretary), have been appointed by the Foursquare Church in the Philippines as missionaries to Indonesia. They will be leaving the Philippines, their homeland, this year to answer God's call.

Your Foursquare Foreign Missions Department will be

uniting with the Church in the Philippines to sponsor Reverend and Mrs. Sambire. Be sure to remember these folk in your prayers and pray for Indonesia.

DATELINE: Latin America

Brazil - Belem, Para-Brazil, was the site of a large **youth night** with **1,800** present, writes Missionaries Gary and Leslie Royer. Around 400 young people gave their **hearts to the Lord**. This week of meetings included 12 services and seminars of studies in the Word.

Ecuador - The Island of Puna held a most interesting three-day **youth camp**, reports Missionaries John and Penny Douglas. About **200 youth** attended, along with adults and children. To reach the camp, the group had to travel down the **Guayas River**. Besides services in the evening, two morning classes were taught by the missionaries. A **Consecration Service** concluded the camp with many yielding their lives to the Lord.

Chile - Missionaries, Glen and Sharon Pummel conducted two, brief **institutes** for further training of **national pastors** and **key, lay workers** with an enrollment of 60 reported. They also had a very fine summer camp for Chilean youth. Two **new churches** have been pioneered and seven **church buildings** are under construction.

Guatemala - Foursquare Missions continue to **help** in the aftermath of **catastrophe**; **Nicaragua** (the great Managua earthquake); **Honduras** (hurricane "Fifi"); and **Guatemala** (earthquake of February 4 and many aftershocks). It's a long road to recovery and the Foursquare Missions Department is glad that you have made it possible to help in these countries.

The Missions Department continues to send generous

amounts of **funds** to Guatemala, reports Director Leland Edwards. **Church buildings** are being **rebuilt** and assistance is given in helping to **rebuild pastors'** and some members' **homes**. A check of \$1,000 was recently presented to the **First Lady** of Guatemala, **Mrs. Helen Losi de Laugerud**, by Missionaries Irvin and Florence Espeseth to help in an orphanage for earthquake victims. Since the earthquake, many more new converts have been **baptized in water**.

Costa Rica - Missionaries Jerry and Jennie King report that God is doing good things for the people in **San Miguel**. This work started about a year ago. **Services were first started** in the home of Rodrigo Rojas. After three months, **a lot was purchased** and services were held in the open air. A **tent was then pitched**. A provisional pastor and church council have been appointed. Construction of a church edifice is being planned. One thousand cement blocks were donated and a block-making machine was loaned.

El Salvador - Pastor Eulogio Moran of the **Zacatecoluca Foursquare Church** and Salvador, a new convert, have started **house-to-house visitation**, according to reports from Missionaries Charles and Nelwyn Gosling. As a result, several people have **accepted Christ** as their Saviour and have opened their homes for services.

Honduras - The Lord has given the Foursquare missionaries in this country great favor with the **Miskito people**, reports Missionary Josephine Toon. One young person attending the Young People's Sunday School Class in the Tegucigalpa Foursquare Church went home for summer vacation. When he returned, he encouraged the Foursquare Church to **start a work** out in the **Mosquitia**

Top: Rev. and Mrs. Ted Sambire, appointees to Indonesia, and family; Below: Youth night - Belem, Para-Brazil (See stories on this page).



(north-western part of Honduras). Since then, **five young people** from this church **attend Bible School**.

The Foursquare work in Honduras is **growing** by leaps and bounds. The Tegucigalpa Church (Headquarters) is **overcrowded**. Despite the fact that a new church has been started from this congregation, the church is still overcrowded on special occasions.

Within a three to four month period, several **older people** accepted the Lord as their Saviour. One older man attended the Foursquare Camp and stated that this was one of the happiest years of his life. **Alejandra Estrada**, who is 79, accompanies her son, a Bible School student, when he conducts street meetings, and **shares her testimony**. **Leoncio Lainez**, 84, also has a son in Bible School, and recently accepted Christ. All of these older people have recently been baptized in water as well. God still works in the hearts of those who are hungry, regardless of age.

Panama - For many years, **five annual camps** have been held. This year, a **sixth** one was conducted; it was the first summer camp conducted among the **Guaymi Indians**, reports Missionary Edgar Coombs. Most of these believers live high in the mountains in **Eastern Chiriqui Province**. Youth from three main tribes attended the camps. These tribes included: **Cuna, Choco, and Guaymi**. This was a first to have campers from three Indian tribes in the same camp.

DATELINE: The Pacific

New Guinea An exciting day was experienced at **Gotomi Pidgin Bible School** as one of our student couples, **Poriana and Jagome**, were going to have their **first baby**. The

women at the station were on hand with Poriana during her time of delivery. But, sadly, when the baby was born, it was **not breathing**. All of the women began to scold Poriana, accusing her of being clumsy and falling many times, thus, killing the baby. Her husband, Jagome, was in another house boiling water to bathe the baby! He was told not to bother with the preparations because the **baby was dead**. Quickly, he went to Poriana and tried to comfort her. He then began to **pray** and all the women joined him in prayer, as **in faith, he asked God** to bring the baby back to life. Soon the **baby began to breathe!** Everyone lifted their hands and voices in **thanksgiving to God** for this great miracle.

With the new school year in progress, **150 children** are now enrolled in the Religious Instruction classes each week in **Koinantu**. Also, 70 children attend **Cadets**. All these little hearts are open to the Gospel as they sing and hear the Word of God. The young people have started **open-air meetings** and have had up to 500 listening to the Gospel. This outreach ministry was started by the young people of their own accord.

Philippines - The last camp held on the **Island of Leyte** was like a mini, national convention, reports Missionary Al Chaves. In nearly every public service, the **campers responded** to the **altar call**, crowding around the altar area. People cried while listening to the message on "The Church That Is Growing." Missionary Chaves reports that they saw men and women rushing to the altar and remaining there for long periods of time. Voices of praise shook the whole church.

In the **Negros Oriental Camp**, several were **healed** through believing prayer.



Pastor Veronico Suan reports from Davao City on the **Foursquare National Strategy Exploit—80/800 Outreach Program**. The goal of this program is to have **800 Foursquare Churches by 1980**. One hundred and thirty-five works were started during the past year. This year of 1976 is also proving to be exciting in the context of the Exploit 80/800. A goal has been set to establish about **40 new congregations** on Mindanao alone. Rev. Suan has been appointed Director of the National Strategy to unify their efforts towards fulfilling this goal. Pray for these new works that are being opened **[4]**

Top: First Foursquare Panamanian Summer Camp among the Guaymi Indians (See story on this page); Ministers ordained for ministry in Monterrey, Mexico.

District Missionary Giving District Jan.-May 1976

Angelus Temple	\$91,616.69
Eastern	54,171.50
Eastern Canada	3,874.40
Great Lakes	68,880.41
Midwest	63,888.32
Northwest	84,207.23
South Central	32,310.95
Southeast	26,906.61
So. California	93,309.83
Southwest	82,470.21
Western	56,240.45
Western Canada	27,196.97

Let Freedom Ring

The Declaration of Independence was a call to freedom. It sounded forth from the souls of men in all the thirteen colonies. It rang across the ocean, and usurping rulers knew a new spirit had been born in the hearts of men who longed to be free and who were willing to pay the price to obtain that freedom. Liberty from oppression was the watchword, and for two hundred years our nation has sought to preserve that theme. On this, our national birthday, we need to "Let freedom ring" anew.

But there is a greater cry for liberty that should be coming from men's hearts. National, political and personal freedom is not the only, nor the greatest, liberty we need. Made in the image of God, man is a spirit and he is not free until he knows spiritual freedom from the bondage of sin and all the foes of the soul which Jesus Christ purchased and provided for us at Calvary.

The New Testament writer, James, calls our attention to a liberating force which every Christian needs: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:21-25).

Let me call your attention to five words in the last part of this quotation: "The perfect law of liberty" (verse 25). James refers to the Word of God as the "perfect law of liberty." But, is this not a confusion of terms—*law* and *liberty*? Law implies restraint, not liberty. Every prisoner behind bars will tell you it was law that deprived him of his liberty. I thought we were saved by grace and delivered from the law. Why does James link these two thoughts together? I am interested in liberty, not law. Let's see if we can clear up this seeming anomaly.

It is true that we are saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, not by the works of the law. But, if you are going to enjoy that liberty—if freedom is going to ring in your Christian experience—you will find there are some laws you will have to obey.

Have you ever watched a bird in the midst of a storm? Have you seen him mount up on the very blast of the tempest and soar with perfect liberty, in spite of the wind? How can he do this? Because he knows and obeys the laws of aerodynamics. His liberty comes because he obeys some very important laws.

Similarly, each Christian who would live a victorious life of spiritual power and blessing must learn to be in submission to the spiritual laws of God's Word. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The Bible contains the perfect law of liberty for every Christian. It will set you free from condemnation (Romans 8:1). It will set you free from doubt (Romans 10:17). It will set you free from fear for it reveals God's love (I John 4:18).

Let us go back to our five verses in James and notice that he makes six suggestions how this Word of God can be to us "the perfect law of liberty."

1. *Look into the Word* (verse 25). So many times we read and hear the Word lightly. Let us learn to really look into it as a thirsty man might look longingly into a well of sparkling, cold water and as a prospector might look into a newly discovered vein of rich gold.

2. *Receive it with meekness* (verse 21). How often we read, but fail to submit ourselves to the Word of God. We receive only those parts which we like.

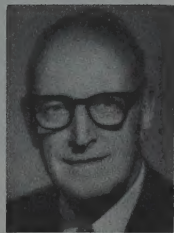
3. *Let it become a part of you* (verse 21). A graft must make contact with the very life of the plant. You just do not tie two sticks alongside each other and expect them to grow together. There must be an incision. The growing part, or the heart of the plant must be exposed. So the Word must enter into the very heart of a man. It must become part of you.

4. *Put it into action* (verse 22). Do not deceive yourself into thinking you are better for hearing the Word if you do not obey it.

5. *Remember it* (verses 23, 24). The Bible is a mirror, but do not forget what it says to you. Do not forget what it shows you.

6. *Continue in obedience to it* (verse 25). Temporary allegiance to the truth revealed is not enough. Good intentions will bring no deliverance. It is the "follow through" that really counts.

James sums up all these practical suggestions and tells us that if the Christian will make them a part of his daily life the result will be, "This man shall be blessed in his deed" (verse 25). Thus, we have the "perfect law of liberty" in six of its basic rules, and these applications of the blessed Word of God will set men free from condemnation, doubt and fear. Let us apply ourselves to the Word and apply the Word to ourselves and thus, "Let freedom ring!" [4]



Dr. Guy P. Duffield

God's Word is your personal "declaration of independence"—granting freedom from want & fear, freedom to live and to love!

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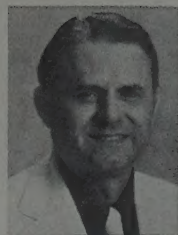
current & events comments

Not many years ago the consensus among evangelical believers wrote off the likelihood—if not also the possibility—that there would occur again before Jesus' second coming a mighty, widespread revival. "The days of revival are over," moaned many when God saw fit to take home leaders like Aimee Semple McPherson, Smith Wigglesworth and Dr. Charles Price who had spearheaded extensive renewals. "The apostasy has arrived and must increase," some predicted.

We know better nowadays. God is moving by His Spirit today on a scale unprecedented at any time in history, even in the apostolic age. Actually, evangelism turned the corner a couple of years back. For more than a century Christianity had been losing ground, percentage wise, in the world. But reports now insist that more people are being born again than are being born. The Early Church had only 250 million people to minister to, but the Church of today has the possibility and responsibility of lighting and salting four billion! The statistics of renewal are massive, indeed, and the prospects are thrilling. If Jesus tarries, God is likely to do more in the next decade than has occurred in and

through the Church since the pristine Pentecost! We might say, "the Lord has saved the best wine until the last of the feast." The Church does not have to go out with less power and glory than it had when it came in.

The Prophet of Pentecost promised a double downpour. Joel, as quoted by Peter, proclaimed, "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17). Peter could call his generation "the last days" because the church age, then beginning, represented God's last dispensation before the second advent. We live even more in the last days as the approach of that advent grows more imminent. And the Christian dispensation is to be clasped at both ends, like a jewel, in a bracelet of miracle, for Joel prophesied both the former and latter rain. The apostolic age received the former rain. Most Pentecostals assume that the latter rain began with, say, the Azusa Street outpouring about 1906. However, Joel 2:23, in the context of the prophecy Peter quoted at Pentecost, promised an outpouring of the former rain and the latter rain together in the same month. It is proper to ask, Is the present widespread Charismatic downpour, (the contemporary move of God in virtually every affiliation of Christendom) that combined outpouring—the former rain and the latter rain together, at the same time? May not James 5:7 suggest an affirmative answer? "Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain." [4]



LETTERS:

Request from Prison

Peace be with all the Family. I am presently incarcerated in a State Prison. I would appreciate if you could put me in your prayers. Thank you very much.

J.V.

From Abroad

I want to thank you very much for sending, regularly, your magazine, ADVANCE.
S.H. (Chambery, France)

I am enjoying this magazine as I note the progress the Foursquare Church is making all over the world.

F.B. (Japan)

Appreciation

I really enjoy the ADVANCE and reading about our missionaries and what's going on in the world.

E.B.

"Current Events & Comments"

I like the new format and the articles. I always look forward to Raymond Cox's column.

J.L.

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FIFTH SUNDAY:

New life blooms Death Valley, thanks to Foursquare missionary seeding watered by your giving.



"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Isaiah 9:2.

Death Valley has been known as the "Land of Death". As the first settlers left the valley with a smaller number than they had entered with, they looked back and said, "So long death valley". Death had come to one that traveled with them.

Down in Death Valley at Furnace Creek lived a remote band of Paiute Indians. These people had almost been forgotten, *but not by Christ*. Foursquare workers felt the burden to go into the valley and minister to them. At the very first service held, two people accepted Christ as their Savior and to the sick, Christ was shared as the Great Physician. Frequent meetings are now being held, and God in His great love is bringing new life to the Paiute Indians of Death Valley.

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